

Continued Preparation for the Future

Lesson aim: To consider principles for enduring opposition as a Christian and to increase understanding of the Holy Spirit and His work

Opposition from the world--Jn. 15:18-16:4

- 1. Jesus' encouragement of the disciples to love one another was especially important in view of what other challenge they would face?*
- 2. Why did Jesus indicate that His disciples would be hated by the world?*
- 3. What OT psalm found fulfillment in the opposition that Jesus experienced? On the basis of what two things did Jesus affirm that His generation would bear the guilt of their sin and hostility?*
- 4. How would the Holy Spirit help the disciples during times of persecution?*
- 5. Why was it necessary for the disciples to know these things in advance?*

Coming and ministry of the Spirit--Jn. 16:5-15

- 1. What did Jesus affirm that the Holy Spirit would do when He came?*
- 2. What promise did Jesus make of future revelations for the disciples? Does God guide us into all the truth the same way He did the apostles?*

Prediction of joy over His resurrection

1. *What is the meaning of Jesus' crytic remarks, "A little while, you wil no longer behold me; and again a little while, and you will see Me"?*
2. *How would the fulfillment of this promise bring great joy to the disciples?*

Promise of answered prayer and peace--Jn. 16:23-33

1. *What did Jesus mean when He said, "You will ask me no question"?*
2. *What assurance did Jesus give that the apostle's prayers would be answered?*
3. *What fact would sustain the disciples in time of tribulation?*

For discussion:



Take time to summarize the various promises of the Holy Spirit and write a brief description of His work in the apostles. How do all believers benefit from His work in them?